

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-642

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT; RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR A COLLABORATIVE, MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL APPROACH TO ADDRESS COUNTY-WIDE WATER RESOURCE NEEDS; ENDORSING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BROWARD WATER RESOURCES TASK FORCE COMPOSED OF ELECTED COUNTY AND CITY COMMISSIONERS, AND OFFICIALS REPRESENTING THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD, SPECIAL DISTRICTS AND WATER CONTROL DISTRICTS; PROVIDING FOR STAFF SUPPORT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, this resolution is a companion to Resolution #457 approved by the Broward County Commission on June 24, 2008 establishing the Broward County Water Resources Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Broward County has long depended upon water from the Everglades to recharge the Biscayne Aquifer as the county's primary source of water; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that increased dependence upon the Everglades for recharging the Biscayne Aquifer would further impact the ecological health of the Everglades; and

WHEREAS, in response to efforts to restore the Everglades and to assist in implementing the Everglades Minimum Flow and Level recovery plan, the South Florida Water Management District adopted a Regional Water Availability Rule in 2007, requiring development of water supplies within the Lower East Coast in a

manner that does not increase dependence on water supply from the Everglades;
and

WHEREAS, Broward County's local government leaders recognize it is critical to address the availability of water resources within the County to protect the public health, ensure the sustainability of sensitive environmental resources and natural systems, and provide viable economic opportunities for our communities and residents; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to CS/CS/SB 1302, (*Wastewater Discharge/Ocean Outfalls* legislation passed by the 2008 Legislature), two regional wastewater treatment providers in Broward County will be required to reuse significant amounts of treated domestic wastewater currently being disposed of via ocean outfalls; and

WHEREAS, the County is facing a variety of water supply related issues including development of significant and potentially costly projected water supplies in a manner that does not cause further dependence on the Everglades, wastewater disposal needs that cannot be addressed through traditional discharge methods, and pressing decisions related to the development of alternative water supply projects such as the use of reclaimed water; and

WHEREAS, local leaders are committed to ensuring that the long-term water resource needs of all Broward's water users are effectively planned for and met, including those of water providers, wholesale and retail purchasers, and their customers; and

WHEREAS, these needs may be met more efficiently and cost effectively through collaborative partnerships, evaluation of existing and planned infrastructure and by considering regional or sub-regional approaches; and

WHEREAS, cooperation between the SFWMD and County water supply providers and users will help to ensure water supply development projects are identified and implemented consistent with SFWMD regional water supply planning and water resource development priorities; and

WHEREAS, there is no effective forum to consider these opportunities; and

WHEREAS, in 2005 the Florida Legislature enacted Chapter 2005-291, Laws of Florida, SB 444, legislation that encourages cooperation with local entities to plan for multi-jurisdictional water supply entities to maximize state funding for alternative water supply projects; and

WHEREAS, at a Joint Workshop Meeting on May 12, 2008, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners, the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board and Mayors representing the County's various municipalities, inclusive of water providers and users, agreed to work collaboratively to find potential environmentally, economically, and technically feasible strategies and solutions to the County's future water resources needs and provide recommendations; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District

Section 1. The Governing Board endorses the efforts of Broward League of Cities and the Broward County Commission to create the Broward Water Resources Task Force ("Task Force") composed of elected county and city commissioners, and officials representing the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board, special districts, and water control districts and approves the participation of the SFWMD in the Task Force.

Section 2. The Governing Board shall appoint one (1) South Florida Water Management District Governing Board Member and an alternate to the Task Force.

Section 3. The Executive Director of the SFWMD shall appoint one (1) technical/professional staff from the South Florida Water Management District to assist the Task Force.

Section 4. The Governing Board shall work cooperatively with the Task Force to identify and evaluate opportunities and impediments to provide future water supply, conservation, wastewater treatment and reuse or reclaimed water opportunities that are most efficient and cost effective.

Section 5. The Governing Board recognizes and agrees its participation as a member of the Task Force is a voluntary effort. The Governing Board further recognizes that any final report issued by the Task Force shall not be construed as imposing any mandates upon the SFWMD. It is understood and desired, rather, that the collaborative work of the Task Force serve as recommendations for Broward's local governments, businesses, and residents as each community

moves forward with consideration and decision-making regarding future water resources planning, development and management.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 30 day of June, 2008.

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT
DISTRICT, BY ITS GOVERNING BOARD

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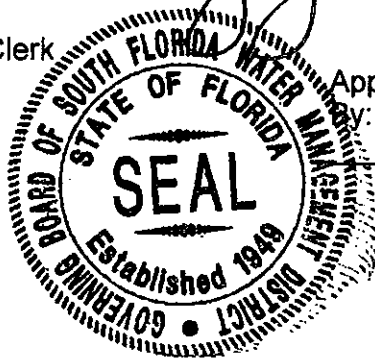


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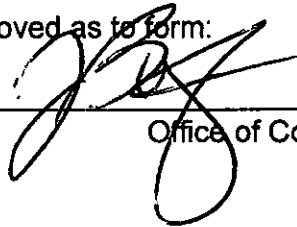
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District Clerk



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